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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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25 March 1977

Honorable William D. Hathaway, Chairman
Subcommittee on Budget Authorization
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I want to be sure the record is established regarding the purpose of the funds for "chemical/biological materials" in the CIA 1978 Congressional Budget Submission. The objective of the "chemical/biological materials" RD&E effort, budgeted at [] in 1977 and [] in 1978, is threefold:

to develop improved means for collecting foreign chemical and biological materials of positive intelligence interest;

to analyze the materials collected; and

to assess the suitability of selected materials for use in operational []

There is absolutely no work underway or planned toward the development of chemical or biological materials for warfare or offensive purposes. The specific projects which will be carried out during 1977 are as shown on the enclosed table.

With respect to the matter raised regarding agent operations, I would be glad to arrange a briefing on this subject for you and appropriate members of your Committee designated by you. I hope the details provided here are responsive to your concerns.

Sincerely,

[]

E. H. Knoche
Deputy Director

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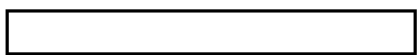
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Comptroller

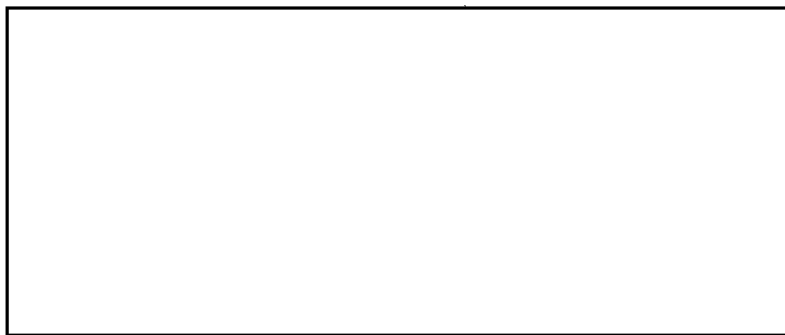
FROM:


Deputy Director of Security

SUBJECT: Chemical and Biological Substances

1. Pursuant to your request this memorandum certifies that the Office of Security does not possess in any of its inventories any chemical or biological substance that could be used in chemical warfare. This memorandum further certifies that the Office of Security has not requested the Office of Technical Service to develop, buy or store any chemical or biological substance which could be used in chemical warfare.

2. It is hoped that this memorandum meets your current needs.



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<p>Remarks: Hank:</p> <p>Attached is a letter for your signature to Senator Hathaway in response to the questions raised primarily by Senator Hart at yesterday's hearing. To insure the accuracy of the statements we have consulted the IG, D/OMS, D/SEC, D/ORD, D/OTS, DDO and DDS&T. For your information we are attaching, in a separate envelope, copies of three memoranda in support of our oral conversations with D/SEC, D/ORD and D/OTS.</p> <p>We believe this memo should go from you to the chairman in view of the fact that the questions were addressed to you and not Admiral Turner. We can, however, go either way since we have this on the Lexitron. If you agree with the text, we will go to press.</p>			
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